

REMARKS

[0010] Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 24-31 and for the Examiner's time and cooperation during the discussions of March 11-14, 2009 that lead to the allowance of the subject claims.

[0011] The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 24-31 are currently pending.
- Claims 24-25 and 31 are amended herein.

[0012] Applicant **believes** that the claims submitted herein (prior to the entry of the amendment submitted herewith) reflect those discussions and are submitted without deceptive intent. ***If the Examiner believes that the claims herein do not reflect those discussions***, Applicant urges the Examiner to call Applicant's representative to clarify the status of the claims. Moreover, Applicant is willing to re-submit this amendment (or a similar amendment) using a set of claims which the Examiner believes reflects those discussions if the Examiner deems it desirable.

[0013] That being said, Applicant also believes that, during the aforementioned discussions, certain minor informalities were introduced into the claims. The amendment corrects those minor informalities and does not affect the scope of the claims. Thus, Applicant hereby requests that the foregoing amendment be entered under Rule 312.

Conclusion

[0014] Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant also respectfully requests prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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